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### **Clayton County's Walkability Assessment 100 Day Action Plan Unveiling to be Hosted at The National Archives**

Jonesboro, GA – Clayton County's Board of Commissioners, along with other county officials and various community stakeholders, will gather in Morrow to hear the results of a Walkability Assessment performed in the City of Morrow in December of 2011. The action plan unveiling will serve as a basis for the county's next steps towards creating a Lifelong Community. The presentation will take place Monday, March 12, from 7:30am- 10:00am, at The National Archives at Atlanta located 5780 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA. Individuals interested in attending the session are encouraged to register as soon as possible by contacting Laura Keyes at [lkeyes@atlantaregional.com](mailto:lkeyes@atlantaregional.com).

The county has partnered with the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), the Georgia Chapter of AARP and the City of Morrow to host the 100 Day Action Plan unveiling. Renowned expert Dan Burden, the executive director of the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute held the interactive workshop last year and is returning to Clayton County to present his findings as part of the county's partnership with AARP.

"As we have witnessed an increase in our senior population the Clayton County Board of Commissioners have taken a very proactive approach in addressing quality of life issues for our senior residents," said Mary Byrd, the director of Senior Services. Byrd is delighted that the county is moving forward in taking the steps needed to create thriving Lifelong Communities by reaching out to community stakeholders and inviting Burden to Clayton County to assist with its planning. "In order to have a successful Lifelong Community that offers quality healthcare, an efficient transportation system, community based services, activities and businesses that are located in close proximity to where older adults live partnerships must first occur among various community stakeholders. The entire walkability study process has served as an excellent illustration of the community coming together as a whole for a very important purpose."

The City of Morrow serves as the initial assessment site that focuses on the livability and walkability environment of Morrow. Immediately following the unveiling of the 100 Day Action Plan the community is also invited to join the city for a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new underground pathway under Jonesboro Road that is an example Morrow's Lifelong Community commitment to creating more pedestrian friendly walkways.

For additional information on Lifelong Communities, visit the Atlanta Regional Commission's website at [atlantaregional.com/aging-resources/lifelong-communities](http://atlantaregional.com/aging-resources/lifelong-communities).

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